

**MINUTES OF NORTON SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**  
**IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

**19/1460 PRESENT:**

Mrs S. More (Chair), Mr S. Maunder (Vice Chair), Mrs P. Biddle, Mr C. Campbell, Mr B. Matraves, Mr J Cole, Mr R.Middleton, Mrs L.Brooks (Clerk), Mike Hewitson (District Councillor), Mark Keating (County Councillor), Mrs E Maunder (CLT & HYG) and 2 members of the public.

**19/1461 APOLOGIES:**

No apologies

**19/1461 PUBLIC TIME**

**19/1461/a Public Time**

Nothing to report

**19/1461/b P.C.S.O. Report:**

The PCSO was not present and no report had been received.

**19/1461/c District Councillor:**

District Councillor Mike Hewitson was present at the meeting. He had emailed a monthly report before to the meeting to the Clerk, who had forwarded it to all the Parish Councillors. He informed the Parish Council that the District Council was now in Purdah (from 6<sup>th</sup> Nov-13<sup>th</sup> Dec) with limited communications.

**19/1461/d County Councillor:**

County Councillor Mark Keating was present at the meeting. He had emailed a monthly report before to the meeting to the Clerk, who had forwarded it to all the Parish Councillors.

**19/1461/e CLT Update:**

The AGM had now taken place. Mrs Maunder reported that the CLT had been running the shop for 5 years now and the P.O. for 4. The Parish Council congratulated the CLT on their continued hard work.

**19/1461/g Hamdon Youth Group:**

See below.

**19/1462 MINUTES:**

The Minutes from the October meeting have been circulated. They were agreed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Biddle

Seconded: Cllr. Campbell    Agreed unanimously.

**19/1463 MATTERS ARISING:**

1. Presentation from Hamdon Youth Group: HYG Presentation: John Bailey and Mrs Liz Maunder attended the meeting and gave a presentation to the Parish Council on another successful year. They thanked the Parish Council for their continued support. Councillor More informed them that they will have the agreed 10% increase in grant (agreed in 2017), which would bring the annual grant to £1,815.00 for 2020/21. Clerk to confirm this in writing. **Action: Clerk**  
Mr Bailey talked about how they have had a successful year with grants and funding which have given them some security for next year. He also talked about how brilliant it was having a permanent site at the Hamdon Youth and Family Centre and are now registered as a charity.
2. Play Area repairs – The Clerk has received one quote for repairs which is high (£3,000.00 plus). She is in contact with Adrian Moore from SSDC regarding the recommendations of another Company to come and view the repairs required and give another quote.
3. Requirement for CCTV at recreation field/carpark/village hall entrance following more vandalism? There have been more reports of vandalism at the entrance to the village hall – this time with the flowerpots being knocked over and emptied. The Clerk was requested to investigate the costs regarding installing CCTV by the Chair. A quote was received by SES in Yeovil. The Clerk has emailed Adrian Moore at SSDC regarding whether we would be entitled to apply for a grant towards this cost. The Parish Council had mixed views on whether CCTV was necessary. The Clerk will get one more quote before the next meeting and put this on the Agenda for December. **Action: Clerk**
4. Budget for 2020/21 (requested by Chair to be discussed in matters arising). The Chair reported on the proposed budget for 2020/21. It was agreed to keep the precept at the same amount for another year - £19,200.00.

5. Boules Court:

The following points were raised:

- Until they are formally a constituted body, The Parish Council are not able to discuss any sort of grant.
- It was pointed out by the longer standing members of the Parish Council, that there has always been an unwritten rule stating there will be no duplication of facilities between Stoke sub Hamdon and Norton sub Hamdon - what was installed at Stoke would be for the use of residents from both Stoke and Norton and visa versa, what was installed at Norton was for residents from both villages. This is due to the two villages being so close together. For instance, Norton sub Hamdon had a MUGA installed whilst Stoke sub Hamdon had play equipment for older youths, plus the cycling/BMX track. Stoke have recently had outdoor gym equipment installed plus a large climbing frame and zip wire, as Norton do not have these facilities, so therefore there was no duplication.
- There is already a boules court at Stoke sub Hamdon. It would be duplication to have one at Norton as well. You only need one court to play inter-village games.
- The Parish Council have received no costings for the construction of your proposal and therefore, are unable to discuss this further at this time.
- The Parish Council would not be responsible for any maintenance costs after the proposed construction.
- There was concern for health and safety on land that is predominantly a children's' play area. Glasses would be taken across the road from The Lord Nelson. If glasses were left, or were broken, this would be a serious hazard.
- There has been no actual evidence of any support you have received from 'the good number of residents who are keen on the project' – only hearsay. Any grants that are agreed from The Parish Council, have to be allocated for things that will benefit the majority of residents. Actual evidence of this support would have to be provided.

The Chairman requested this be put on the Agenda for December.

6. Report from SSDC Annual Town and Parish meeting – Environmental Issues. Cllr More updated the Parish Council meeting on the recent meeting that both she and the Clerk attended.

**19/1464 PLANNING:**

**19/1464/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report.

**19/1464/b Decisions Notified:**

19/02250/HOU 33 New Road, Proposed replacement porch. APPROVED

19/02431/LBC 2 Blackspur Cottages, Higher Street. Replacement Staircase. APPROVED

19/02111/HOU & 19/02112/LBC - The Orangery, Great Street - Demolition of existing garage block. New garage block adjacent with auxiliary accommodation above, associated landscaping works and alterations to existing vehicular access. APPLICATION - WITHDRAWN

**19/1464/c Applications for consideration.**

19/02438/LBC Rose Cottage Higher Street - The carrying out of alterations to rear internal door/window and the removal of a ground floor partition wall. No objection

19/02868/HOU Masons, Little St. Erection of 1st floor extension with 2 dormer windows and alterations to the driveway. No objection

19/02819/HOU Chinkwell House Little Norton - Alterations and the erection of a two storey rear extension to dwelling/house & 2 metre high boundary wall. No Objection

**19/1465 FINANCE:**

**19/1465/a Matters for report:**

Nothing to report

**19/1454/b Matters for resolution**

Budget for 2020/21:

A resolution was made to accept the budget for 2019/20

Proposed: Cllr Biddle

Seconded: Cllr Campbell

Agreed unanimously.

**19/1465/c Cheques Payable**

Louise Brooks	Salary & Allowances – October 2019	£ 352.12 chq no:1432
Somerset Landscapes Ltd	Grounds Maintenance July-Sept 2019	£ 1,056.64 chq no:1433

Proposed: Cllr. Biddle      Seconded: Cllr. Middleton      Agreed unanimously.

**19/1466 VILLAGE HALL:**

The Chairman, Councillor Cole reported they would discuss whether they felt there was a need for CCTV at their next meeting.

**19/1467 RECREATION GROUND:**

Nothing to report

**19/1468 CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk reported that all correspondence received had been circulated. She also reported that she had signed the village up for the SSDC Christmas tree recycling scheme where there is a compound provided in the school carpark, for the first week of January. Dates to be confirmed.

**19/1469 FOOTPATHS:**

Nothing to report

**19/1470 MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

Councillor Cole reported a blocked drain in Broadmead Lane. The Clerk said she would report to SCC. However, SCC do not own the drains in Broadmead lane as they have never been adopted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm in the COMMITTEE ROOM, VILLAGE HALL**